

## COCHISE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Probable Cause Statement

TO:

Cochise County Attorney's Office, Drug Unit

Judge Ambrose, # JP/

FROM:

Detective Guy Hudson 0914

DATE:

10/19/2018

SUSPECT NAME/DOB:

Elizabeth DURAZO DOB 10/09/1989

DR # 18-36784

## Deputy's Statement of Probable Cause

On 10/19/2018, I received information that Elizabeth Durazo had heroin inside the Cochise County Jail. I contacted Cmdr Bradshaw and advised him so that the jail staff could start to take necessary action. At approximately 1415 hours, I received a phone call from Cmdr Bradshaw that they did find contraband on Durazo's person.

I responded to the jail and met with Lt Monge. Lt Monge provided me with a plastic trashbag that contained a bra. Det Reibschied was present at this time as well. I removed a plastic baggie from a void in the bra. Inside this baggie was 11 whiteish pills, identified by online reference as Seroquel 50mg. This is a prescription only drug. Further, there was heroin on a majority of the pills as if it was in the same packaging as heorin. I also removed a portion of a blue latex glove



from the bra. Inside the latex glove was black tar heroin. The heroin later weighed 6.4 grams with the portion of latex. I would approximate the actual usable quantity to be at least 5 grams.

I made contact with Durazo in the booking area. Det Reibschied and I conducted an interview with Durazo, audio recorded with my cellular phone. Durazo was advised of her Miranda Rights, to which she stated she understood. I will summarize the interview.

Durazo stated she had heroin in her bra, and Seroquel. She stated it was not hers, but that it belonged to someone else and she was holding it for her. She stated that it belonged to Lesly Berry. Durazo admitted to providing heroin to several female inmates in exchange for commisary items that she was holding for Berry.

Berry comes in to the jails for 48 hours a weekend as part of a deal on her case. Durazo stated she was willing to call Berry to order more drugs to prove her story. I told Durazo I could not promise her anything, but would tell the prosecutor what had occurred and it could possibly help her out at some point. She stated she undertstood. At some point in time, I stepped out of the room to speak to jail staff about what I had learned, and to formulate a plan. When I returned, Det Reibschied advised me that Durazo had mentioned wanting to speak to her attorney. She stated she had a paid attorney. She said that she didn't change her mind on calling Berry, but wanted to advise her attorney what was going on.

She asked me to look up her attorney's phone number, saying it was Christopher Scileppi. I found a phone number on the internet, and dialed it from a phone in booking. When I heard the phone ringing, I picked up the receiver and handed it to Durazo. Durazo didn't ask me to leave, and never stated she wanted to speak in private. Durazo spoke to someone I believe to be "Andrew." After a few moments, she told me that they wanted to speak to me. I gave a brief of what had transpired, and said I can not make any deals to Durazo, but can relay the information to the prosecutor that would have this case. I told her Durazo would be charged, and I had no control of not charging her with the severity of the crimes that had occurred. "Andrew" then asked to speak to Durazo. Durazo hung up the phone after about another minute.

\*\*\*I unintentionally had my cell phone still recording during the phone call with the attorney/attorney's office. The only conversation that was recorded was words iterated by Durazo and I. Nothing that the attorney told Durazo was heard, or recorded. Once I realized that this occurred, I made contact with Terisha Driggs, Cochise County Attorney's Office and advised her of what had occurred.

Durazo contacted Berry on the jail phones. The conversation was mostly in spanish. Durazo asked if Berry could get more "clear and dark eyelashes" and Berry stated she could try. Durazo told Berry she would call again at 1730 to see if she could get it or not. This terminology would be slang for meth (clear) or heroin (dark). Meth and heroin are often called clear/white or dark/black respectively.

At 1740-1830, additional phone calls were attempted to Berry, and Berry didn't answer any of the calls. AT 1900, Berry arrived at the jail for her weekend stay.

Berry was strip searched by jail staff, nothing was located on her person. Det Olmstead and I then conducdted an interview with Berry. Berry was advised of her Miranda Rights and she stated she understood them.

Berry was adament that she didn't bring any drugs into the jail. She said she had a job, a bank account, a house, and goes to school. She has money on her phone account in the jail, and also has put money on a female named Trista Christopher books so that when "store" comes around, Trista can purchase food for the two of them. Commisary isn't sold on the weekends, so that's away to get commisary if you are a weekend commitment.

I saw logic in Berry's story, and decided we needed to interview persons from Central-B (CB).

Det Olmstead and I conducdted recorded interviews with 10 females in the pod. The vast majority of the pod stated that Durazo (AKA Chapiz) brought heroin in this week. None of them admitted to getting any from her, even though Durazo stated she gave them heroin. Several of

the females pointed out other females that received heroin, but there is no true consistency in that portion of the stories.

The majority of the females stated that Durazo got out of jail on Monday and got back on Tuesday (approximate days). Basically, she got out for one day to take care of some kind of issue out side of the jail, and reported back to jail. They said that when she came back, she had heroin and pills. A few of the females knew exacdtly how much heroin she had (approximately) in grams. I questioned them about Berry's involvement and not one of the females believed that Berry was involved. The majority of them said that Berry was not the type of person that would do that, stating she wasn't a "druggy." It should be noted that the majority of the females interviewed were drug abusers and are in jail on drug crimes. Further, they stated that Berry got out of jail on Sunday, and just got back today. They stated that the heroin didn't appear in the jail until Wednesday. They said that if the heroin would have been brought in by Berry, it would been distributed earlier and while Berry was still there.

After speaking to the females that were interviewed, decided that the only person that could be charged at this time was Durazo. Nothing else substantiated Durazo's claims to this point. Moreover, Durazo admitted she had heorin and Seroquel. She admitted to distributing it to at least Katarina Kealey, Kelly Wilson, Desiree Romero, Yolanda Egstad (since released) and Susanna Murrieta.

After interviews, Det Olmstead and I logged the evdience into Bisbee Temporary Locker 1.

Durazo was booked into CCSO Jail on the following charges:

ARS 13-3408A1, Possession of Narcotic Drugs, Felony

ARS 13-3408A2, Possession of Narcotic Drugs for Sale, Felony

ARS 13-2505A3, Promoting Prison Contraband/Possess, Felony

ARS 13-2505A2, Promoting Prison Contraband/Convey, Felony

ARS 13-2505A1, Promoting Prison Contraband/Knowingly Taking, Felony

ARS 13-3415A, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 3 counts, Felony

This case will be submitted to the ÇAO for a 48 hour case.

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